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"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."—*Matt. 10: 8.*

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THE MASTER'S LAST COMMAND.

By MRS. V. G. RAMSEY.

"He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—*Mark 16-15.*

The everlasting gates are lifted high,
And opening wide the golden portals swing;
Seraphic legions fill the vaulted sky,
And heaven adoring, waits the coming
King.

Pausing on Olivet, with uncrowned brow
Scarred by the thorns, he lifts his
wounded hand;
Blessing his awe-struck followers as they
bow
Around his feet, he gives his last com-
mand.

His last command! It echoes through the
spheres
Which glow and tremble at his slightest
word—
It floats adown the swiftly gliding years,
And by its might the centuries are stirred.

His last command!—"Go ye to every clime,
To every soul of all the human race;
Lift up the standard of the cross sublime,
And tell the story of redeeming grace.

"Go undismayed, for ye are clothed with
might,
And highest angels on your steps attend;
The words ye bear are seeds of life and
light—
Lo, I am with you even to the end."

The everlasting gates are lifted high,
And opening wide the golden portals swing;
Triumphal anthems fill the vaulted sky,
And heaven rejoicing welcomes home the
King.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

BY MRS. L. R. BURLINGAME.

WHEN the conviction comes to persons remote from each other, who have had no intercourse on the subject, that a certain thing ought to be done, it proves that a real need exists that that thing should be done ; and—viewed from a Christian stand-point—that God is moving his people to go about the work.

About five years ago, stirred by the agonizing and almost despairing appeals for help from India, a few ladies in New Hampshire felt convinced that our denominational work for missions could be rendered more effective by organizing a Woman's Missionary Society. They supposed that they were alone in their consciousness of this need. But they soon learned, to their surprise and joy, that there were others in Maine, Rhode Island, New York, and elsewhere, that were feeling this need as deeply as themselves. As a result, the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society was organized at a session of the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, held in Sandwich, June, 1873, by representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York.

The chief energies of the Society, during its first two years, were given to extending a knowledge of its existence and objects, organizing auxiliaries and children's societies, and perfecting its methods of work. As soon as the condition of the treasury warranted, Miss Susan Libby, of Dover, N. H., was sent as its first missionary to India. Later still, the Society assumed the salary of Miss Mary Bachelor, daughter of Rev. O. R. Bachelor, who had become an earnest teacher in the Midnapore Zenanas, also the salaries of several native Zenana teachers. During the past year, Miss Libby's resignation, consequent on her marriage, was received, and late in the autumn the Society sent its second missionary, Miss Ida O. Phillips, to the India field.

The attention of the Society was also early directed to the crying needs of the freed-women of the South, and aid was sent

to those of their number in the Normal School at Harper's Ferry who were fitting themselves for teachers among their benighted people. The Society also pays the salary of one of the lady teachers of the Normal School, Miss Lura E. Brackett.

The *Morning Star*, through the kindness of its conductors, has been the organ through which much of the Society's work has been done, but its columns were so crowded that it could not afford the space the growing work required. And, furthermore, as some cheap medium was needed through which access could be gained to the many women in our churches who do not take the *Star*, the Society decided to publish, at the commencement of this new year, a magazine which should be truly, as its name implies, a "MISSIONARY HELPER," in its work.

Such is the brief retrospect of the Society's past. What of its future? We look for large results to our denominational missionary work from the educating influence of women's societies in diffusing missionary intelligence, in securing concert of action, and in awakening a spirit of earnest prayer for God's blessing on our missions. Large results are also hoped for from the children's societies as a means of raising money. Miss Ida O. Phillips is their missionary to support, and already quite a sum has been raised by them for this object. But far more important results are looked for from the training the children are receiving, by giving regularly for missions, and becoming familiar with our missionary work. To them the Saviour's last command, to "Preach the gospel to every creature," will have a far deeper meaning than it has to the present adult generation.

If, as a band of sisters, we persistently go forward, one after another of those who have hitherto been indifferent will heed the cry, "The Master is come and calleth for thee," and soon, all through our churches, we shall find helping hands and zealous hearts, that, with God's blessing, shall make the future of the Society a glorious success.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS PHILLIPS' JOURNAL.

S. S. INDIA, Nov. 20, 1877.

JUST one month this day since we sailed out of New York harbor, since I stood *all* alone in the rain on deck and waved my handkerchief to the last dear one I could see. What a month! It has been crowded with interesting events.

We shall always remember the weather in Glasgow. One is never safe outside without an umbrella. "Halloween night" we spent in a delightful Scotch family. We all played games with the children in the nursery and burnt sweet-hearts on the coals. One of our passengers came with his carriage and took us sight-seeing. The cathedral and university interested me very much. The former is a grand old pile dating back to the year 1300. An indescribable awe creeps over one on entering such a place. The underground part is fairly paved with tombs. In the center are two huge stone coffins. The immense arches echo our very foot-falls.

The university grounds are very fine. The buildings are massive stone. Their cost has been about £958,000, and it needs £120,000 more to complete it. There are about nineteen thousand students. At Edinburgh we visited Scott's monument, an elegant structure, standing in Prince St. Gardens. There were many other structures of minor importance. We went next to the castle,—then to the palace. We entered first the regalia room. No one is expected to speak aloud here. Every Scot holds his breath. Inside the immensely thick walls, inside a large iron structure, inside a plate-glass case, upon a black velvet groundwork, lay the crown of Scotland, first worn by Robert Bruce about 1314. The rest of the regalia consists of a sword of state given by one of the Popes to James the IV, in 1507, and the magnificent sceptre first used by James V. Queen Mary took refuge in this castle during the tumultuous times previous to her arrest—here was born her only son, James VI, of Scotland, and I of England. In Mary's private parlor is a beautiful picture of her at

the age of eighteen. Her small sleeping room not more than eight-by-eight, contains a small stand of curiosities. From the castle we went to Holy Rood palace. The "Chapel Royal," now in ruins, is the oldest part of the building. There Mary Queen of Scots was married to Boswell. We descended the very stairs she did, and visited all her private rooms which are now open to visitors. There are furnished rooms kept for Queen Victoria when she visits the city.

Our brief stay in London was tantalizing there were so many wonderful things and places to see. We did visit St. Paul's Cathedral, the Royal Gardens, Westminster Abbey and the Tower, and then were off for India.

BOMBAY, Dec. 14 1877.

Here I am all safe and sound on the opposite side of the globe from many dear ones. We anchored this A. M., and were cordially welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Park—true Americans. No people like Americans! I am more proud than ever of my nationality.

On the Atlantic we saved some wrecked sailors. On this voyage we came very near being wrecked ourselves. One dark night we were sailing quietly along in the northern part of the Red Sea. A cool breeze was blowing, nearly all the passengers were on deck over which an awning had been stretched and lanterns hung up all about. The piano was there and we had music and dancing—we had some gay passengers. The Captain was sitting quietly talking, and three men were on the "look out."

All at once some one cried, "Land in sight!" We jumped and there, on the right side of the vessel, was land so near that we might almost leap ashore. The order was given to cut away the life-boats. Panic spread through the whole ship. Ladies fainted, children were snatched screaming from their beds, and some of the more composed began to collect their valuables in the line of money and jewels. The purser got the ship's papers and buttoned them, together with a revolver, in his coat.

I did not think we should go down. I thought of the loved ones in India and at home, and as I stood looking over the side of the ship she barely grazed the rocks, but was not *injured* one

particle. These rocks are called the "Brothers." Many wrecks have occurred here. They are barren coral reefs, and very dangerous. We had a thanksgiving meeting after the danger was past. In the night these rocks are nearly invisible and were not expected for nearly an hour.

But I am safe now, and how thankful I am to God for keeping me, and to you at home for your constant prayers in my behalf. If anywhere one feels the need of an Almighty Protector, it is when out on the wide, wide sea.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER TO OUR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DEAR MRS. LOWELL :

I am very glad indeed to inform you of our safe arrival in Bombay. We cast anchor Friday A. M. the 14th of December. We have been thirty-three days on the voyage, a very long passage indeed. Head winds and rough weather combined to hinder us.

Our voyage from New York to Glasgow was also quite a rough one, but the steamer was very comfortable and the passage quite short.

My brother had written to Mr. Park of the American Mission in this place, so he very kindly came to meet us ; and Miss Hook and myself are staying at his house a day or so before going on to Calcutta. The trip there will take us about four days.

Miss Hook had quite a serious fall on board ship. It has for the present quite disabled her right arm, and she will be obliged to wait in Bombay for some time. I have been very well indeed during the whole trip, and was able to enjoy my time in Scotland and England to the fullest extent, and now, except for feeling a little tired, I am quite well and very impatient to be at work.

I must say good-bye for the present. Please give my best wishes to the ladies of the society, and tell them I hope to be a missionary, in deed and in truth, before many more days.

BALASORE ZENANAS.

BY MRS. D. F. SMITH.

I HAVE been requested to give a brief account of the Zenana work as I left it in Balasore. To do this understandingly will require a glance at its beginning and progress. In April, 1869, the first Zenana for the purpose of teaching, was visited. It was that of a Brahmin, and his wife was the only scholar. She had never seen a white face, and her husband had a difficult task to get her to consent to our visit. She made him promise over and over again that she should not be punished for her ignorance. Poor woman! She was very ignorant, and I am afraid she had often been told so in not very civil terms. Spending only a short time I left, having made arrangements to repeat the visit, and it was not long before she ceased to regard me as an object of terror.

Other houses opened their doors, and in May, Mrs. Hallam joined me in the work. During the year the English ladies resident in Balasore volunteered for this work a monthly subscription. In March, 1870, there were six families receiving instruction. Mrs. Hallam had left the station and I found it necessary to employ a native teacher. Before the year closed I had calls almost daily to visit new families, and more native teachers were set to work. The only conditions required on my part were: "Are you willing to have your women taught to read and work as I shall direct?" Early in the year the Government Inspector of Schools in Bengal visited Balasore, and advised me to apply to government for a small monthly stipend which would enable me to employ more teachers. On application Rs. 191—were granted.

For two years the work had constantly increased. Three girls' schools for the poorer classes, had been formed, and the pupils altogether numbered about one hundred. More funds were needed,—and in response to a letter asking help from personal friends in Ottawa, Canada, about twenty rupees monthly were

sent. This was not sufficient to meet the increased demands. A very urgent request had been sent us from Bhudruch, a large native town forty miles distant, to send a Zenana teacher, and there were other calls from places nearer home. At this juncture the kindly face of our Inspector again appeared, and at his suggestion I wrote out a statement of the work, and asked to have the grant increased from nineteen to fifty rupees per month, besides twenty rupees per month for four girls' schools, all of which was granted. Contributions began to come in from the native gentlemen. Subsequently they gave all the way from one to four hundred rupees annually, and the English residents, both in the town and other parts of the district, aided largely not only in the way of funds, but through their influence.

In March, 1877, the Government Act granting monthly stipends to village schools in Orissa was reconsidered, and the "Result System" introduced. This reduced the regular grant from seventy to fifty rupees per month. The examinations were to be held about the beginning of each year and each school to receive according to progress made. Leaving the country soon after I cannot speak of results, but think the present plan preferable to the old one. The grant of rupees fifty, to Zenanas proper, was about the same time reduced to forty-six rupees in consequence of an order that "existing grants should be wholly or in part withdrawn, and the funds thus set loose applied to establishing new schools."

On 31st March, 1877, there were one hundred and thirty-one pupils in the Zenanas, and about one hundred and fifty more in the schools and among the poorer class. There was no material difference at the time of my leaving in June last. Fifteen native teachers were regularly employed besides what I could do personally. A good horse and carriage had just been purchased on which there was still a debt of one hundred and twenty rupees; this was all the indebtedness in connection with the Zenana work. There was also a large carriage to convey teachers to and from their work, and a monthly income of from ninety to one hundred rupees. This included, besides private subscriptions and donations, the fifty-six rupees from government and ten ru-

pees from the home treasury. The teachers had been carefully trained for their work. Four school-houses had been built. A house at Bhudruch was also nearly completed for the accommodation of missionaries and teachers who go there to look after the work, and a very desirable piece of land secured in connection with it.

I will not now speak of the progress of the pupils, or of other interesting incidents connected with them. I close by asking the friends of the work to pray that God will watch over and care for it. All the time that could be spared from numerous other duties, for nearly eight years was gladly given, and neither time nor distance can lessen my interest in it.

MY INDIA LETTERS.

BY MISS S. L. CILLEY.

BELIEVING that extracts of private letters from our missionaries will be interesting to your readers, we send the following. The writers of them will pardon the liberty if good result. The wording is not in the least changed, save that the words in parenthesis we supply in explanation.

S. L. C.

"I find myself all at once in sole management of the Zenana work at Midnapore, and after two days' office am able to report all going on well. (Mrs. B. and Mary were gone for a few days' needed rest.)

"The Christian elements of the work (Zenana) here are very interesting. Some of the first women frankly acknowledge Christ and worship him. The Prince's wife is one of these.

O. R. B."

"Tuphan (native preacher) and family have moved to Bhimpore. He is about the only one they like. We keep up the number of schools, and try to hold on upon the Santal work till James (Phillips) comes back, but I am anxious he should return as soon as possible.

O. R. B."

"There is always strength in prayer.

R. M. H."

"Pako (native teacher) is going on with her work very quietly and steadily. Daniel has renewed his offer of marriage and she has refused him again.

"The little Eurasian twins you sent me are a blessing. Alice is full of mischief as was either of Hellen's Babies. They read English together, but in Bengali Ellen has fallen a little behind.

"Dear Miss C.* Have you not heard that she went to heaven last August? Her rest must be sweet. The little ones cannot understand what a friend she was to them.

L. C."

"My jungle of a garden produces many beautiful blossoms, and some bloom every day in the year, but they are not so loved as were the wildwood flowers.

L. C."

"You ask if I am so very busy. Busy? Yes, and *more*. Am all the time hurried, and though very tired when night comes, am often tempted to wish the days longer so that I could do more.

"It was hard, *very hard* to have Mrs. Smith leave after so many others had gone, and none returned. The Lord can take care of His own cause we know, and I ought to feel less sad perhaps about her going.

"There are sixty-four girls yet in our establishment. L. C."

"Should be very glad to have you speak a good word for the Bible and Tract cause now and then. The little received this year has been a great help; although less than the demand. I wish contributions could be made regularly for this object, but it is hard to press this matter when others are still more needy. The Biblical School seems now to be the primary necessity of our mission.

R. M. H."

"Clouds are earthy and by the laws of nature must disperse

* The Collins family were partly English and partly native people, who lived in Midnapore. Miss Collins was a sweet Christian lady, born to English position and luxury, but she met only losses, one after another, of friends and fortune. These twins were the children of a niece, and were left for her to care for, but she being reduced to actual starvation gave the little ones to Miss Cilley, who, on her return to America, sent them to Miss Crawford, who will with God's blessing make of them earnest Christian women,

or fall. The sky remains unchanged, a token of God's ceaseless, boundless love. Why doubt his goodness or his wisdom more?

R. M. H."

"There are now two good horses, a palankeen, carriages, and one kasanchi (ox cart). The girls (Zenana teachers) are good and doing well. During the Durgah vacation which commences to-morrow the work will be kept up, but on a reduced scale. Mr. Phillips preached this evening. At almost every meeting we have some new indications of a blessing attending the work. Brother P. reports good done in the meetings at Santipore. Our bazaar work is suspended and we are devoting all our time to work at home, and yet we have not near all the help we need. You know how much we are reduced in the mission, just one-half our force gone home within about two years. The good Lord has us and our work in hand, and I have no doubt will guide us and our work to his glory.

O. R. B."

A WORD TO MOTHERS.

YOUR daughter, perchance your youngest daughter,—the tenderest lamb of the fold,—has just finished her first twelve weeks at school fifty or one hundred miles away. How you "looked out of the windows!" How you listened as the train that was bringing her home thundered into the old depot! She is again in your arms. Why! you are just beginning to know what she is to you.

Think a moment! Seven years ago from a home nestled in the heart of a wild Indian jungle miles away from all civilization, and every white face, you sent a precious child fifteen thousand miles "over the seas" to school.

Seven years to-day the old ship that bore her away slipped from its moorings in Calcutta.

Her little white messages have every now and then crossed these same seas.

To-day another is in your hand. A wild thrill of joy—a sudden dimness of the eyes, and you read again, again. “Can it be?” Yes, there it is:

“Mother, I am in Glasgow. I shall soon be with you.

IDA.”

A mother sixty years old laughs at old time. She is young to-day. Her long absent child is coming home. *All alone* in the jungle, her good husband eight miles away,—over the rice fields, through the river, mud and ditches, the path lies.

“Denu, saddle Peggy.” The sun is setting. Peggy never carried a happier mortal over that wild way. Hard at his work, the astonished man sees his *wife* before him. “What brings you here?” “Tidings, my Lord.”* Drop the curtains. None but fathers and mothers way out in the wilderness know what such tidings mean.

A letter weeks later from this same mother, “I had *no words* when my arms clasped the dear child. I thought they would never unclasp again.”

ANON.

ZENANA INSPECTION.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MISS MARY BACHELER, MIDNAPORE.

I have begun doing regular Zenana inspection work from last month—October. The Zenana teachers are nine in number. Their names are Annie, one of Mrs. Phillips’ girls, wife of one of the coachmen, Jessie, Phulla, Poddie, the three teachers from Jellasore, who live in a house near to us, Sarah, Kotrisee, Lottie, Annie Sen, married Christian women, and Esther, the unmarried sister-in-law of one of the native preachers, Purna. There are a number of old women to go with the girls and take care of them. I find good thorough teaching in almost every house, and nearly all the pupils know verses from the Bible, and hymns. In one house where Poddie and Esther teach two little girls, I was quite surprised and very much pleased to hear them recite a number of Bible verses, all of “There is a happy land,” and a number of Bengali hymns which have no English words.

*See *Morning Star*, Feb. 13.

Poddie and Esther have in all I think twenty-one pupils for each afternoon. Besides her teaching every day Poddie goes to the jail Sunday afternoons, and holds a sort of Sunday school with the women prisoners, who number from twenty-five to thirty-five. She reads and explains a portion of Scripture, and sings and prays and talks with them. We think she is really a good Christian.

WEDNESDAY. The girls are gone. I have been the rounds excepting Jessie's morning houses and the jail which mother will inspect. A great many families are away at the holidays, (in honor of the gods,) and houses are closed for a time.

We heard something in Calcutta a short time ago which negatively encouraged us a good deal. One of the ladies of the American Mission Home told us that among all their native teachers there were only one or two whom she thought real, true Christians at heart. You can't know how discouraging it sometimes is to think how little real vital Christianity the members of the church have. How little they mean of what they say in covenant meetings and at other times plainly shows itself by the way they scold their neighbors and slander and quarrel. Of course there are some who try to live as well as they know how. They need any amount of praying for, and so do the work and the teachers—the teachers, that they may acceptably tell the “old, old story of Jesus and his love,” to the poor benighted women among whom is their work.

“The history of the Woman's Board during its first ten years is proof that its founders were not deceived when they believed they heard the call of God to undertake this work. The fact that its receipts aggregate \$454 000, and that less than \$9,000,—not two per cent.—has been consumed in home expenditures, is eloquent alike of the response which Christian women of America make to the appeal of women in heathen lands; of the whole-souled consecration of the officers of the Board, who give their strength, time and wealth without stint; and of their excellent business capacity, which has received hearty recognition by a no less careful and strong business corporation than the American Board.”—*Cong.*

WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

From an article with the above heading in a late number of the *American Missionary*, we take the following extract. It is another instance of what those to whom God's blessing has come are opening their hearts to do for the ignorant and oppressed, and presents a good example to the benevolently inclined and to those who are the Lord's stewards:

We have noted the inexpressibly sad condition of the colored woman in the South—no future before her, public opinion giving her no recognized standing of respectability, dooming her to an evil reputation, whether in character she was deserving it or not, and this, too, in a Christian country—these things we have noted and felt; but our receipts were all swallowed up in the current demands of our general work. We are glad to be permitted to record that a step has recently been taken, promising relief in this direction. A lady in one of the Western States, who has been for years known as an indefatigable worker for Christian missions, has had the elevation and salvation of the colored women of our country on her heart and mind for years. She has made herself thoroughly acquainted with the fact that if anything is done it must be *in addition* to what the ordinary receipts of the American Missionary Association would warrant. Self-moved, she said to our Executive Committee a few months ago, "If you will commission a competent and devoted woman missionary and assign her to one of your mission stations, to give herself *entirely* to the work of visiting the homes of the colored women, for the purpose of saving them by the use of every method her enlightened judgment may suggest as wise, I will become personally responsible for her support, and will pledge that what I do shall not in any way interfere with the general receipts of the Association." The Executive Committee thankfully accepted the proposition. A lady missionary was appointed and sent to Memphis, Tenn., in November. She entered at once upon the field, and the beginnings of her work are full of promise, and already assure us of the usefulness of her mission.

"Jesus himself says, 'The poor ye shall always have with you,' so that if we defer obeying his command until the destitute about us are relieved, no suitable occasion will present itself for foreign work."

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

THE subscription list of the *HELPER* now exceeds fourteen hundred. Thanks to the workers. We can still furnish the first number to those who desire it. Please send names at once.

Mrs. Lash, District Secretary of the Ohio Central Y. M., who has already sent the names of more than forty subscribers, writes: "I am trying to place the *HELPER* in every family of all our churches. Hope to do so."

One of the subscribers to the *HELPER* from Ohio, is a lady eighty years of age, whose interest in the cause of missions has strengthened with her years. She gives one hundred dollars to the Bible School.

The Foreign Mission Society needs help. Its indebtedness is large. While we are so busy with the work, especially ours, and are putting by our two cents a week as a thank-offering to the Lord, we ought not to forget that its claims demand our attention. "This ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

At a recent meeting of a few ladies held in the parlor of the Pine Street Church, Manchester, N. H., one lady said she would pay half the salary, \$12.50, of a Zenana teacher if the remainder could be taken, and the responsibility was readily assumed by two other ladies. The ladies of this church intend to support still another teacher. The pastor's wife has become a Life member of the Society. Congratulations to the workers in this church. A worthy example.

The appropriations made by this Society to Miss Crawford, Mrs. Bachelor, and Mrs. Smith are for Zenana work, and not intended for the payment of salaries. These missionaries are supported by the parent Foreign Mission Society. The appropriation made to Rev. A. H. Morrell is used for the help of girls in the Harper's Ferry school. Mr. Morrell in speaking of the good done by one of the appropriations, says:

"You will be thankful to know that the money contributed has proved a very great blessing to the students here, and yet you can't understand how great, unless you could be here and see the practical operation.

"I bless God to-day for the Woman's Missionary Society. If you never do any more nor better than what you have done for this branch of your noble work, it will pay for all your toil and efforts. We did need the money you appropriated so much, that I have looked upon it as a special interposition of Providence that the Society was inclined to bestow it."

Mrs. A. J. Davis, of Minneapolis, writes: "Our people are realizing more and more that they have not done what they might do in missionary work. I welcome the *HELPER* as a special instructor in that direction. Our Sab-

bath school is interested in the Young People's Missionary and her support. We will take one share at least, and I am hoping we can become responsible for four shares ere long."

We are glad to learn through the Secretary that the auxiliary connected with the church in West Oneonta, N. Y., are supporting a teacher in the Zenana work in the city of Midnapore, under Mrs. Bachelor's supervision. Her name is Pullmuni. This society was organized last September. Its members are intending to bring the children to an interest in the work assigned them.

Of the \$1,793.81 contributed to the treasury of the Woman's Society for the year ending with September last, \$592.54 comes from Maine, \$369.27 from New Hampshire, and \$332.17 from Rhode Island. This last named state contributes much the largest sum in proportion to its Free Baptist membership unless it be Missouri, which sends \$33. The largest sum from any one church is \$129.65, from Main Street Church, Lewiston, Me., the second is \$120.38, from Lowell, Mass., and the third is \$85, from Pascoag, R. I. Others did nobly.

There has been a Missionary Society in the West Bethany, New York, church for some years, working in a quiet way. This year it was decided to have a public meeting quarterly and the first one was held on Sabbath evening, February 17th. The exercises consisted of Bible readings, singing, remarks, the reading of Mrs. Ramsey's article in the *Star* of January 30th on the Samoan Islands, and selections from the *HELPER*. Let other societies be encouraged to do likewise

We have intelligence that since the first of January, Children's Bands have been organized in New Hampshire in the following places: Bristol, Ashland, Lake Village, Concord and Laconia, and Auxiliaries at Northwood and Laconia,—at the latter place with a membership of twenty-nine. Also at New Hampton, an Auxiliary has begun with most flattering prospects, having a membership of forty, which does not include the young ladies in the Seminary who have a separate organization, to which each young lady in the school is expected to contribute ten cents a week during term time.

The following was written from Bala-ore:

Miss Ida says: "The long journey is done and at last I am at work. So far I am enjoying it. I cannot quite realize that I am in the work that I have looked forward to all my life. Now don't forget I beg of you, to write often. The overland letters seem so good, so *very* good."

We are later in issuing this number than we hope to be hereafter. We have delayed that we might be the better able to determine how many copies to print.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia contains a Report of the Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held at Clark's Harbor, September 14, 1877. From this report we learn, that at a meeting on the morning of this day, a new constitution was adopted, and the same ordered printed and distributed among the District Secretaries. Also that it was decided the financial year of the Society should close with August. In the afternoon a more public meeting was held, at which Miss Emma Porter, in the absence of Mrs. J. F. Smith, the President, conducted the exercises. A favorable report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, who also made interesting remarks.

Mrs. R. Crowell spoke of the different Auxiliary Societies she had formed during the year, and gave an instance of the encouragement she had received to go on with the work.

Mrs. B. Woodworth proved by her remarks that her heart was enlisted, and urged upon parents to train their children to missionary work.

Miss Phillips, of Bhimpore, India, whose salary is paid by this Society, next addressed the meeting, trying to impress upon the minds of those present the necessity of working, and working earnestly, that those now sitting in darkness might have sent to them the light of life.

Several of the brethren spoke, urging the importance of the cause. Rev. J. McLeod, of New Brunswick, hoped the time not far distant when a missionary would be in the field, supported by the churches in his Province.

It was found that the Society had raised more than enough to pay Miss Phillips' salary, and consequently fifty dollars were appropriated to Zenana work. There were reported twenty-three Auxiliaries, the largest membership in any one being 87, and the smallest 7, which is worthy of commendation. This Society is yet in its infancy, but from the devotion and zeal of its members, great things may be expected of it. The *HELPER* has more than a hundred subscribers already in the Provinces.

Some of the lists are quite large. We are glad to have this pleasant introduction to our sisters in the Provinces, and we fondly hope that the acquaintance will lead to results that will honor the Master. God bless the work in the Provinces !

For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it ; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.—*Mark viii : 35.*

CONGRATULATIONS.

It will not be considered amiss that the *HELPER* reproduces some of the good things that have been said of it, for the encouragement of its friends.

The editor of the *Star* says:

"We heartily commend the magazine to the patronage of all our people, assuring them that it is not merely appropriate to be read at sewing circles and women's missionary meetings, but that its variety of information and suggestion will make it profitable reading to the old and the young, to men and women, in short, to all who are glad to bid God-speed to every enterprise whose aim is for the amelioration of mankind, and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth."

Prof. Fullonton, of Bates Theological School, kindly says:

Nothing is more befitting than its existence, and its purpose to call into more active service the women of our denomination, in behalf of their degraded sex in heathen lands."

"The present number is aglow with womanly zeal, and hope, and faith; responsive to the utterances of those earlier Christian women 'The Lord is risen!' 'Come and see a man that told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?'"

From the *Providence Journal* we clip this:

"We have received the first number of 'THE MISSIONARY HELPER,' to be published bi-monthly in this city by the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. The object of the *HELPER* is to diffuse missionary intelligence, both home and foreign, and stimulate an interest in the work. The publication seems to be wisely and intelligently directed to that end.

The *HELPER* deserves liberal help."

Miss J. C. Thompson, editor of *Woman's Work for Woman*. (Pres.) writes: "Please accept our congratulations on the entrance of your *MISSIONARY HELPER* into the 'wide, wide world.' We shall exchange with it with pleasure."

Miss Doremus of the *Missionary Link*, cordially says: "I was very happy indeed to receive your new publication which comes out in a very pretty dress. Gladly will we exchange the *Missionary Link*, and hope our paper may be as acceptable to you as yours is to us. I believe ours was the first Woman's Missionary paper ever issued here as it is now seventeen years old."

Says Mrs. Bixby, a returned missionary from Burmah, and the wife of a leading pastor in Providence: "I have received and read with much pleasure the first number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. I congratulate you on its attractive appearance, and interesting character. It will prove an efficient helper to the women of the churches in their missionary work."

A voice from Minnesota says:

"The number received commends itself to everyone that has seen it. Better than we expected is the universal sentiment."

And Nova Scotia echoes back:

"We are very thankful for the *MISSIONARY HELPER*. Something of the kind was greatly needed."

Rev. A. H. Morell, from the Shenandoah Valley, writes: "I have just glanced over the first number of the *MISSIONARY HELPER*, the little missionary ship whose helm you hold in your hands, and am much pleased with it. With the Divine Master on board you will make a prosperous voyage, you need not fear.

Miss De Merritte, Home Secretary, says: "I shall heartily commend the *HELPER* to all engaged in mission work in the denomination. I hope the list of subscribers will increase rapidly, and that this little magazine, started with truest convictions of its need, will grow in size and the esteem of our people. May God bless its workers, and may they be so stayed in him as to work his will concerning this undertaking."

Children's Niche.

WHAT LIZZIE KNOWS.

I am a very little thing,
As you can plainly see ;
But then I know who came to bring
God's gift of love to me.

When I am well, I know who makes
My life so sweet and bright ;
When I am sick, I know who takes
Good care both day and night.

And when I die I know whose hand
Will lead my soul away
Through death's dark valley to the land
Of bright eternal day.

Just such dear little girls as I
Live o'er the ocean wave ;
They do not know who came to die
A sinful world to save.

Poor little heathen! Friends I pray
That you will quickly go
Or send somebody right away
To teach them *all I know*.

—Little Helpers.

THE CHILDREN'S BAND.

At the close of the Sabbath school in a quiet country village, not long since, a bright little girl named Lizzie Reed was seen passing quickly from class to class whispering a few words to each. Her object was to induce the members to meet at her home on Wednesday afternoon to form a Missionary Society. Wednesday came, and so did the children, fifteen in all. "Girls," said Lizzie, "many of you were at the lecture the other night, when Miss Phillips told us about the sad condition of women and children in India. "How dreadful to live without the Bible!" Who would believe people would say prayers to a little brass monkey, such as she showed us! She said they were as bright as we are and we should do so too, if we were not taught better. Only think of little girls not larger than Tiny, being widows, and never allowed to wear bright borders to their dresses, or any of their bracelets or ornaments again, and to be treated very unkindly all the rest of their lives. Why girls, it is terrible! I have thought about it ever since.

We are told that many children are forming into Bands to help send missionaries to teach them. They try to earn or save the money themselves. Now I want to ask how many are ready to join me in forming such a Band?" Fifteen hands were raised at once. "Let us each tell what we think we can give. I have ten cents a week for spending money, but I'm not going to buy any more candy and shall try to take better care of my pencils, so I hope to give six or eight cents weekly." Sarah said she should have fifty cents for the first shirt she made her father and she should finish it soon. Carrie said she would sell berries when they were ripe. Fannie said her mother had promised her a new sash, but she would deny herself and give her money to the Mission. And Myra's aunt often gave her five cents for going on errands.

Last of all, one poor little girl with a sad thoughtful face, said, she "would bring a penny if she could ever get one." Some smiled, but Lizzie's mother stooped and kissed the child, saying, "Perhaps God would bless her penny more than a thousand dollars from some rich man who would not miss it at all." You know:—

"If we cannot give our thousands
We will give the widow's mite.
And the least we do for Jesus
Will be precious in his sight."

With the aid of Mrs. Reed they then organized a Children's Band, of which Lizzie was unanimously chosen Treasurer, that being the highest office she could be prevailed upon to accept. At her suggestion they chose two who were absent, one for Secretary and one for Reader. These girls, at first, were not much interested, but they were so well pleased with the compliment that they entered with enthusiasm into the spirit of the undertaking, and became as earnest workers and as cheerful givers as the others.

At the next meeting twenty-five were present. They are now prospering finely and still meet at Lizzie's home unless invited by some other member. They all say it is the happiest hour they spend, for "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Eternity alone will reveal the good they are doing. In striving

to send the gospel to heathen lands they are beginning to appreciate far more what it has done for them. And more than one will tell you with tearful eyes, that they are just beginning to learn why Jesus died for them.

MRS. M. B. HEBBERD.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY.

Dantoon, India, will probably be the home of Miss Ida Phillips, as her parents are going to reside there because it is a better place for their missionary work than Santipore. Mary Bachelier writes: "It will be pleasant indeed, if Ida comes back here again as a missionary. She spoke the language beautifully before she went to America, and had a wonderfully taking way with the natives." Dantoon is quite a large town, and as there are a good many nice houses there, there must needs be zenana women. Perhaps she will start an interest among the Baboes, [Indian gentlemen] and commence a zenana mission.

You would be amused to drive through a Dantoon bazaar and see the little one-storied mud huts. At its south end are some very large tanks, and two miles away is the largest one, I think, in this part of India. A tank, you know, is very like a pond or lake, only ponds and lakes are not dug, and tanks are. When dug large and deep, the water remains in them all the year.

M. M. H. H.

SHARES IN MISS PHILLIPS' SALARY.

THE young people are becoming really in earnest, in undertaking the support of their missionary. We shall be glad to hear from any Band that takes a share. We give the names of those from which we have heard. All these young folks will be interested in the extracts from her Journal on another page. How many can trace on their maps the course which she took to reach Calcutta?

We hope no one will forget to thank God that he spared her life amid the dangers of the voyage, and that she is once more

with her dear father and mother, in the beautiful, yet darkened land of India. Each share represents five dollars.

Young People's Society, Pascoag, R. I.	5 shares.
Cup Bearers, Olneyville, R. I.	5 "
Mission Band, Greenville, R. I.	5 "
Helping Hands, Park Street Church, Prov., R. I.	3 "
Mission Band, Milo, Maine.	1 "
Sabbath School, Minneapolis, Minn.	1 "
Mission Band, Dover, Maine.	1 "
Young People's Society, Bristol, N. H.	2 "
Mission Band, Ashland, N. H.	1 "
Mission Band, Lake Village, N. H.	1 "
Prof. Haynes' S. S. Class, Hillsdale, Mich.	1 "

A lawyer in Bradford, Me., who is taking the lead in the Mission Band, organized in the place, writes that during a recent revival in their church, several members of the Band were converted. We shall expect to hear similar news of other Bands. Christ is always a prompt and liberal paymaster.

We learn that there is a Children's Missionary Society in connection with our church at Pike, N. Y. Also that the children are doing well. They are now securing money to furnish a room in the Girls' Boarding Hall at Harper's Ferry. God bless the children and keep them at work.

QUARREL FOR SHOES.

A gentleman who has lived in the East many years has written a charming book about the children there. It tells us that people never take off their caps or turbans when entering a house, but always leave their shoes at the door. Among other things he carries us to the outside of a school-house and says, "It is very curious to go to the Syrian school houses and see the piles of shoes at the door. There are new bright red shoes, and old tattered shoes, and kob kobs, and black shoes and sometimes yellow shoes. The kob kobs are wooden clogs made to raise the feet out of the mud or water, having a little strap over the toe to keep it on the foot. You will often see little boys and girls running down steps and pavements on these dangerous kob kobs. Sometimes they slip and then down they go

on their noses and the kob kobs fly off, and go rattling over the stones, and little Ali or Yusef, or whatever his name is, begins to shout "Ya Imme," "Oh! my mother," and cries just like little children in other countries.

But the funniest part of it is to see the boys when they come out of the school and try to find their shoes. There will be fifty boys and of course a hundred shoes, all mixed together in one pile. When school is out, the boys make a rush for the door. Then comes the tug of war. A dozen boys are standing and shuffling on the pile of shoes, looking down, kicking away the other shoes, running their toes into their own, stumbling over the kob kobs, and then making a dash to get out of the crowd. Sometimes shins will be kicked and hair pulled and tarbooshes thrown off, and a great screaming and cursing follow, which will only cease when the Master comes with his stick and quells the riot. That pile of shoes will have to answer for a good many schoolboy fights and bruised noses and hard feelings in Syria. You would wonder how they tell their own shoes. So do I. And the boys often wear off each others shoes by mistake, or on purpose and then you will see Selim running with one shoe on, and one of Ibrahim's in his hand, shouting and cursing Ibrahim's father and grandfather until he gets back his lost property.—*The Missionary Link.*

CONTRIBUTIONS

RECEIVED BY THE

Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society,

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1878, TO FEBRUARY 18, 1878.

MAINE.				
Abbott, F. B. Church.....	1	65	Garland, F. B. Church.....	6 75
" Children's Band, for Mrs.			Lewiston, Auxiliary, Main St. Ch. ..	10 00
J. Phillips	25		Limerick, "	1 00
Atkinson F. B. Church.....	1	93	Lisbon, Auxiliary, Second Church,	
" Mrs. A. H. Page.....	1	00	for support of native teacher. .	14 00
Auburn, Auxiliary. Court St. Ch. .	4	00	Medford, Mrs. Hopkins.....	25
Augusta, " for support of na-			Milo, F. B. Church.....	9 21
tive teacher.....	5	00	North Berwick, Auxiliary, First Ch.	10 50
Biddeford, Auxiliary.....	24	40	Otisfield, Auxiliary.....	5 00
Bradford, F. B. Church.....	1	20	Pittsfield, F. B. Church.....	8 29
Charleston, " "	11	06	" Mrs. H. A. W. Bachelder,	1 00
Corinth, " "	8	38	" Mission Band.....	8 37
" Mrs. W. Eastman.....	1	00	Portland, Class No. 11, Casco St. S.	
Dexter, A friend.....	25		S. for support of native teacher,	20 00
Dover, Mr. Gifford.....	2	00	" Classes Nos. 7 and 14 Cas-	
" Mr. E. D. Wade, for reserve	5	00	co Street S. S., for support of	
			native teachers.....	7 00

South Dover, F. B. Church	\$4 23	Greenville, Auxiliary	\$15 00
South Limington, Mrs. M. E. Hopkinson	1 00	Pascoag Young People's Soc. Five shares for their missionary, Miss Ida Phillips	25 00
West Buxton, Auxiliary	8 00	Pascoag, Mrs. F. Harris, to cons. herself L. M.	20 00
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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Ashland, Women's Miss. Soc. to constitute Mrs. J. A. Dana, L. M.	\$20 00		
Bristol, F. B. Church	6 05		
" A friend	2 00		
Candia Village, Auxiliary	25 00		
" Mr. Pencer	1 00		
Concord, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S. Curtis, to cons. her, L. M.	20 00		
Concord, Mrs. E. Lamprey	5 00		
" Friends	55		
" C. Dolloff	1 00		
Danville, Auxiliary	10 30		
Dover, Mrs. Flanders, Charles St. Church	1 00		
Dover, Miss Sarah Lowe, for Zenana work	11 00		
Holderness, Second F. B. Church ..	2 79		
Madison, Auxiliary	25 00		
Manchester, Mrs. J. J. Hall, to cons. herself L. M.	20 00		
Manchester, F. B. Church	18 19		
New Hampton, Mrs. A. B. Meserve ..	2 00		
New Market, Auxiliary	9 33		
Northwood, Rev. H. P. Lamprey ..	1 00		
Pittsfield, Mrs. Brown	50		
Wentworth, F. B. Church	2 58		
Wolfboro, Mrs. P. H. Chesley, one-half each Home and Foreign Missions ..	2 00		
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	\$186 29		

VERMONT.

Corinth, Auxiliary, Second Church ..	5 25		
East Corinth, Auxiliary	9 00		
East Randolph, "	5 00		
East Williamstown, Auxiliary ..	5 00		
Franklin, collected by Mrs. R. W. Collins	6 00		
South Strafford, Auxiliary, for Foreign Missions	17 00		
West Topsham, Auxiliary	70 00		
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston Q. M.	\$7 20		
Lowell, Auxiliary	30 24		
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	\$37 44		

RHODE ISLAND.

Georgiaville, Ladies of F. B. Ch. towards outfit and passage of missionary, and to cons. Mrs. C. Paine and Miss S. J. Payson L. M.	40 00		
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NEW YORK.

Apulia, Mrs. E. Peck, towards support Miss I. Phillips	5 00		
Fairport, Collection at Gen. Con.	67 35		
" Children's Meeting	10 52		
New York, Mrs. E. W. Page	2 00		
Potter, Young Ladies' Board, \$3.00, Mrs. Hotchkiss \$1.00, Villa Hotchkiss, 50 cts., all towards support of Anna Dudley	4 50		
Richford, Mrs. C. L. Vail, for Foreign Missions	2 00		
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	\$91 37		

OHIO.

Harmony, Q. M., \$1.00 for Harper's Ferry	11 00		
Marion, Mrs. L. A. Cratney, towards L. M.	5 00		
Seneca & Huron Q. M.	20 00		
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	\$36 00		

ILLINOIS.

Prairie City, Auxiliary	\$5 30		
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MICHIGAN.

Hillsdale, Infant Class	65		
Reading, F. B. Church	5 74		
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	\$6 39		

WISCONSIN.

Ft. Atkinson, Mrs. J. H. Webb	\$1 03		
Prospect Hill, Mrs. Hollister	1 00		
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	\$2 03		

MISSOURI.

Springfield, S. L. Dittick, for support of native teacher	\$13 00		
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MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Woman's Miss. Soc. on L. M. of Mrs. M. E. Davis, ..	\$13 75		
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NOVA SCOTIA.

Barrington, Bertha Smith	25		
Port Medway, Irene and Stella Burk, for Miss J. E. Phillips ..	50		
Woman's Miss. Soc. of N. S.	50 00		
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	\$50 75		

Children's Offering to the "Try Class"	\$2 46		
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Total,	\$798 45		
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CORRECTION.—In receipts for year ending September 30, 1877. Classes No. 7 and 14. of Casco St. Sunday School, Portland, Maine, should have been credited with \$20.50.

Miss L. A. DE MERRITTE, *Treasurer*.